(d) the anticipated time-frame, alongwith the formalities involved, by which all these vacancies would be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir, no appointment to Stenographers Grade D could be made after 1998 till January, 2001 owing to change in the examination system and raising of retirement age from 58 to 60 years.

(b) The number of vacancies reported to the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) by Department of Personnel & Training (DOPT) for Stenographers Grade 'D' was 359 for 1999 examination. As regards Stenographers Grade 'D' in RBSSS/IFS(B)/AFHQSS, the respective cadre controlling authorities reported the vacancy position directly to the SSC and no information in this regard is available in DOPT.

(c) and (d) On switch over the new systems, the SSC have notified a Combined Matriculation Level Examination in May, 1999 and has also been conducting competitive examination on biomonthly / quarterly basis since August 2000. In CSSS, 62 Stenographers Grade 'D' have already been appointed during 2001 and appointment for 21 more candidates are in advanced stage of processing. On receipt of final results from SSC, vacancies will be filled as and when adequate number of successful candidates are available. Similar action to fill vacancies is being taken by the respective cadre authorities of RBSSS / IFS(B) / AFHQSS.

Discipline among the Employees

585. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsreport appearing in the 'Statesman' dated the 19th June, 2001 under the caption. "Dress code indiscipline costs Government Rs. 75 crore a year";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps, if any, are proposed to be taken to address the problems raised in the report so as to tone up the discipline among the employees and to do away with huge influctuous expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The existing instructions provide that employees supplied with uniforms should turn up in proper uniforms, while on duty and failure to do so attract disciplinary action as well as discontinuance of further supplies. These instructions have been reiterated on 12.12.2000 *inter alia* that Departments should constitute a small group under overall supervision of an Officer of the level of Deputy Secretary / Director to ensure compliance. Chief Welfare Officer in Ministry of Personnel and Training has also been designated at the Central level to coordinate with various Ministries.

Disposal of cases filed by CBI

586.SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases disposed by the courts filed by CBI during 2000;

(b) the number of cases ended in conviction and acquittal; and

(c) the case in which the sentence of one month and fine also imposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) According to the information made available by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), 509 cases were disposed of by the courts, during the year 2000, out of which 326 cases ended in conviction and 107 cases in acquittal. Sentence of one month was awarded in two cases—fine was not imposed in any of these cases.

Pendency of cases filed by CBI

587. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending for trail filed by CBI at the end of the year 2000;